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APPEAL BRIEF – REVISED SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 C.F.R. §41.37) mailed on May 15, 2007 for an Appeal relating to the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application. As this response, containing a revised Summary, is herewith filed within one month from the mailing date of the Notification, no petition for an extension of time or fee is believed to be due. However, should the undersigned agent be mistaken, please consider this a petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this Appeal, and charge deposit account no. 50-1924 for any required fee deficiency.

Please replace the Summary Section of the Appeal Brief with the revised version below.

(5) SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

In one exemplary embodiment, and as recited in independent claim 1, a repository (10) (p. 2, lines 1-6) for a plurality of objects (e.g., 118, 120, 122) (p. 2, lines 11-16) includes: a body (114) (p. 2, lines 4-9), wireless communication means (24) (p. 2, lines 25-27; p. 3, lines 11-26) and a user interface (comprising, e.g., 16, 18, 26) (e.g., p. 4, lines 1-22; p. 5, line 1). The body (114) is configured to simultaneously support a plurality of objects including a mobile phone (118) and at least one other object (e.g., coins 120 or keys 122) (p. 2, lines 11-16). The wireless communication means (24) is for communicating with at least one of the plurality of objects to transfer data therefrom (e.g., the mobile phone 118) (p. 2, lines 25-27). The user interface is responsive to the wireless communication means (24) (e.g., p. 4, lines 1-9). The user interface is configured to provide to a user information received in the transferred data (e.g., p. 4, lines 1-9).

The wireless communication means (24) may comprise a low power radio frequency (LPRF) transceiver (p. 2, lines 29-30), such as Bluetooth® (p. 2, line 30), for example, and/or a radio frequency identification (RFID) detector (p. 3, line 7). It is believed that the terms "body" and "user interface" recite definite structures and, therefore, are not written in means plus function language.

Independent claim 11 includes the elements of independent claim 1 and further recites that the repository (10) comprises a display (16) configured to display information received from the mobile phone (118) (p. 4, lines 17-22). It is believed that the term "display" recites a definite structure and, therefore, is not written in means plus function language.

In another exemplary embodiment, and as recited in independent claim 16, a repository (10)

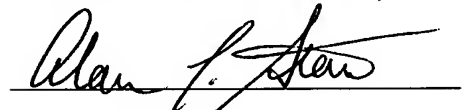
(p. 2, lines 1-6) includes a body (114) (p. 2, lines 4-9) and charging circuitry (22) within the body (114) (p. 4, lines 24-31). The body (10) has a support surface (116) configured to simultaneously support a plurality of objects (e.g., 118, 120, 122) including a mobile telephone (118) and at least one other object (e.g., coins 120 or keys 122) (p. 2, lines 11-16). The charging circuitry (22) is configured to recharge a mobile telephone (118) (p. 4, lines 24-31). It is believed that the terms "body" and "charging circuitry" recite definite structures and, therefore, are not written in means plus function language.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant/Appellant respectfully requests that the Board reverse the final rejection of claims 1-16 in the Final Office Action of June 1, 2006, and further that the Board rule that the pending claims are patentable over the cited art.

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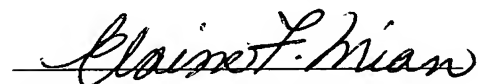
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